GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
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POOR MEDICAL FACILITY TO COAL MINE WORKERS
Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a). whether the government has received any complaints from the workers of various coalfields located across the country including Chattisgarh regarding availability of poor medical facility;

(b). if so, the details thereof;

(c). whether the medical facilities provided to the workers in these coalfields are inadequate;

(d). if so, the details thereof; and

(e). the steps taken by the government to improve the healthcare facilities for the workers and their family members?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement as mentioned in Reply to Starred Question No. 55 for 18.02.2009 asked by Shri Sugrib Singh on Poor Medical Facility to Coal Mine Workers.

(a & b). Yes Sir. Representations / complaints are received from Individuals, Unions and Public Representatives from time to time regarding medical facilities. The grievances generally relate to:
Providing better medical facilities.
Extending medical facilities to the retired non- executives of Coal Mines.
Provision of free medical check up facility in the hospitals for residents of coal mine areas.
Up-gradation and modernization of Hospitals.
Inadequacy of medical facilities / personnel.

(c). Medical facilities are provided to the workers as per norms decided by Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industries (JBCCI), National Coal Wage Agreement (NCWA) and Bureau of Public Enterprises (B.P.E) and are adequate.

(d). Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

(e). Efforts are being made by the Coal companies to provide speciality / super speciality services in the hospitals to improve the medical facilities and provide latest medical treatment to the workers and their family members. They have also empanelled speciality / Super Speciality hospitals in almost all the Metros for treatment of serious cases.